

**Senate File 2147 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to eligibility for the medical assistance for  
2 employed people with disabilities program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.  DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — ELIGIBILITY  
2 DETERMINATION FOR MEDICAID FOR EMPLOYED PEOPLE WITH  
3 DISABILITIES PROGRAM.

4     1.  The department of human services shall adopt rules  
5 for initial and continuing eligibility for the Medicaid for  
6 employed people with disabilities program as follows:

7     a.  The rules shall provide for a disregard in the  
8 computation of unearned income due to any increase in unearned  
9 income attributable to any social security cost-of-living  
10 adjustment increase of the individual or member of the  
11 individual's family whose unearned income is included in the  
12 calculation of gross income eligibility.

13    b.  The rules shall provide for continuation of transitional  
14 Medicaid coverage for a period of twelve months for an  
15 individual whose coverage would otherwise be terminated based  
16 on a reported increase in earned income from employment for  
17 the individual or member of the individual's family whose  
18 earned income is included in the calculation of gross income  
19 eligibility.  The twelve months of transitional coverage begin  
20 the day following the day coverage would otherwise have been  
21 terminated.

22    2.  The department shall amend the Medicaid state plan as  
23 necessary to implement this section.

24                                   EXPLANATION

25    This bill includes provisions relating to the determination  
26 of eligibility for individuals for the Medicaid for employed  
27 people with disabilities (MEPD) program.  The bill directs the  
28 department of human services (DHS) to adopt rules for initial  
29 and continuing eligibility for the MEPD program as follows:

30    1.  To provide for a disregard in the computation of unearned  
31 income due to any increase in unearned income attributable  
32 to any social security cost-of-living adjustment increase of  
33 the individual or member of the individual's family whose  
34 unearned income is included in the calculation of gross income  
35 eligibility.

1     2. To provide for continuation of transitional Medicaid  
2 coverage for a period of 12 months for an individual whose  
3 coverage would otherwise be terminated based on a reported  
4 increase in earned income from employment for the individual  
5 or member of the individual's family whose earned income is  
6 included in the calculation of gross income eligibility. The  
7 12 months of transitional coverage begin the day following the  
8 day coverage would otherwise have been terminated.

9     The bill also directs DHS to amend the Medicaid state plan as  
10 necessary to implement the bill.